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Sir:

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The Applicants became aware of the cited document because it was cited in a Search Report issued by the British Patent Office for the priority application. A copy of the Search Report is attached.

The relevancy of the document is set forth in the Search Report. Accordingly, no further commentary regarding the relevancy of the document is believed necessary at this time.

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